

REMARKS

Applicants request the entry of the changes in the specification requested above. It is believed that no new matter has been added by virtue of the amendments made to the specification.

Support for the present amendments can be found throughout the application including the claims and drawings as filed originally. No new matter has been added by virtue of the amendments.

Support for a linker in a single-chain construct can be found on page 6, lines 13-14, of the specification as filed.

Support for the amendment to claim 12 can be found in Figure 3A as originally filed (the sequence underlined and marked "linker") and in current formal Figure 3B, encoded by nucleotides 397-441 as shown.

CONCLUSION

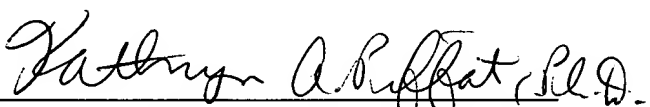
It is believed that all outstanding rejections have been addressed by this submission and that all the claims are in condition for allowance. If discussion of any amendment or remark made herein would advance this important case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned as soon as convenient.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the present application is respectfully considered in condition for allowance. An early reconsideration and notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. If, however, a petition for an extension of time is required, then the Examiner is requested to treat this as a conditional petition for an extension of time. Although it is not believed that any fee is required, in addition to the fee submitted herewith, to consider this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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